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| In re Application of:             | ] |                         |
| DIETER GRAFL et al.               | ] | Group Art Unit: 1795    |
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| Application No. 10/590,681        | ] | Examiner: Siddiquee, M  |
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| For: CONTACT PLATE FOR FUEL CELLS | ] | Attorney Docket 1-17860 |

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RESPONSE

Honorable Sir:

In an election requirement mailed on April 1, 2010 in the above-captioned patent application, restriction was required under 35 USC 121 and 372. The restriction requirement required applicant, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, to elect a single invention to which the claims will be restricted.

The April 1, 2010 paper indicated two groups of claims as follows:

Group I, comprising claims 12-26, drawn to a contact plate for a fuel cell, and

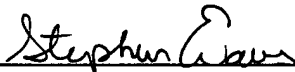
Group II, comprising claims 27-30, drawn to a method of making a contact plate for a fuel cell.

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I, comprising claims 12-26, drawn to a contact plate for a fuel cell.

Applicant has made the above election to comply with 35 USC 121 for the sole purpose of prosecution on the merits. Applicant's election should not be construed in any way to limit the scope or spirit of any of the embodiments of the present invention disclosed in the application.

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